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WASHINGTON (AP) -- THE TOWN OF CHESTER, PA., MAY HAVE BEEN A TARGET OF THE GOVERNMENT'S BIOLOGICAL WARFARE TESTING IN 1957, ACCORDING TO CIA DOCUMENTS MADE PUBLIC TODAY BY THE CHURCH OF SCIENTOLOGY.

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A REFERENCE TO CHESTER WAS MADE IN A PAY RECEIPT DATED AUG. 21, 1957, THAT WAS OBTAINED BY THE SCIENTOLOGISTS UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT.

THE DOCUMENT SAID THAT 40 CENTS WAS PAID FOR TWO COPIES OF "CLIMATOLOGICAL DATA SHEETS TEST AREA, CHESTER, PA."

THE CHURCH SAID THE CIA CENSORED ALL OTHER REFERENCES TO LOCATIONS WHERE TESTS ON BIOLOGICAL AND CHEMICAL AGENTS WERE CONDUCTED UNDER THE SO-CALLED MK ULTRA PROGRAM RUN BY THE CIA AND THE ARMY.

"A REFERENCE TO THE CHESTER, PA., TEST SITE SLIPPED THROUGH," THE CHURCH SAID IN A STATEMENT.

A CIA SPOKESMAN, DALE PETERSON, SAID "WE DON'T HAVE A VERY CLEAR PERCEPTION OURSELVES OF WHAT TOOK PLACE" IN THE MK ULTRA PROGRAM. HE SAID THAT THE SCIENTOLOGISTS' REPORT IS BASED ON "FRAGMENTED INFORMATION."

THE CHURCH SAID THE LATEST DOCUMENTS SHOW THE CIA CONDUCTED AT LEAST SIX OPEN-AIR BIOLOGICAL WARFARE TESTS IN THE MID 1950'S THAT WERE NOT DISCLOSED PREVIOUSLY.

THE DOCUMENTS WERE TURNED OVER TO THE SENATE INTELLIGENCE COMMITTEE, THE CHURCH SAID.

A CHURCH OFFICIAL, BRIAN ANDERSON, SAID "AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE THE RIGHT TO KNOW WHENEVER THEY HAVE BEEN USED FOR CHEMICAL OR BIOLOGICAL WARFARE TARGET PRACTICE."

THE CIA SAID MOST OF THE MK ULTRA DOCUMENTS WERE DESTROYED IN 1973 AND ONLY SOME FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE PROJECT REMAIN.

ACCORDING TO THE DOCUMENTS MADE PUBLIC BY THE CHURCH, THE ITEMS PURCHASED IN THE PROGRAM INCLUDED A "COMMUNICABLE DISEASE BOOKLET" FOR 60 CENTS; A "KING DAVID SUPER SLING MECHANISM" FOR "DISSEMINATION EXPLOITATION" THAT COST \$2, AND 10 COUNTY MAPS OF UNIDENTIFIED AREAS FOR \$3.15.

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